

THE HONORABLE ROBERT S. LASNIK

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON
AT SEATTLE

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,)	No. CR19-009-RSL
)	
Plaintiff,)	
)	ORDER GRANTING UNOPPOSED
v.)	MOTION TO SCHEDULE A
)	SENTENCING HEARING VIA
GIDEON BEWLEY,)	VIDEOCONFERENCE
)	
Defendant.)	

THE COURT has considered the unopposed motion of the parties to proceed forward with a sentencing hearing via videoconference and finds that:

(a) Under the General Orders, felony pleas and sentencings may proceed by video or telephone if “the district judge in a particular case finds for specific reasons that the plea or sentencing in that case cannot be further delayed without serious harm to the interests of justice.” A sentencing hearing in this case cannot be delayed without serious harm to the interests of justice; and

(b) Mr. Bewley would like to have his sentencing hearing as soon as possible and resolve the case in a timely fashion; and

(c) Mr. Bewley wishes to have his sentencing hearing as soon as possible in light of anticipated delay associated with the COVID pandemic and a desire to alleviate presumptive backlogged court calendars following the COVID recovery

process. Mr. Bewley believes that the Court may not be as able to accommodate a timely resolution of his case in the future as more cases are delayed; and

(d) a videoconference sentencing hearing would avoid further delays in the ultimate sentencing in this case, which would cause “serious harm to the interests of justice.” See General Order No. 04-20 (3/30/20).

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that this matter should be set for a sentencing hearing via videoconference at the earliest practicable date and after coordination between the Court and the parties.

DONE this 22nd day of October, 2020.



ROBERT S. LASNIK
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE

Presented by:

/s/ Gregory Geist

Assistant Federal Public Defender
Attorney for Gideon Bewley